DETAILED ACTION

1.   Claims 2, 4, 10, 11, 14-16, 18, 21-31, and 34 are allowed.

Examiner's Amendment

2.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes
and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided
by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be
submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3.   Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview
with Frank J. Bonini (35,452) on 11/16/2009. The examiner's amendment is
necessitated to clarify the claimed invention.

4.   Claims 1, 3, 5-9, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 32, and 33 have been cancelled.

5.   Claims 2, 4, 10, 11, 14-16, 18, 24, 26-29, and 34 have been amended below:

        2. (Currently amended) A method as in claim [[1]] 29 wherein said server is a
highly secured server.

        4. (Currently amended) A method as in claim [[1]] 29, wherein said providing an
identified user with access, via a network, to [[a]] the server comprising [[a]] an antivirus
program to be demonstrated further comprises identifying a user and providing said
identified user with access, via the Internet, to a server comprising a program to be

~~demonstrated~~.

10. (Currently amended) A method as in claim [[9]] 29, ~~wherein said receiving email from said identified user~~ further comprising ~~comprises~~ limiting the amount of email that may be communicated by said user for demonstration by said antivirus scanning program ~~receiving a predetermined amount of email from said identified user, wherein said email comprises code received from said user, and wherein said program to be demonstrated uses said email to demonstrate attributes of said software demonstration program on said email~~.

11. (Currently amended) A method as in claim [[1]] 29, wherein demonstrating attributes of said program ~~said receiving code from said identified user~~ further comprises demonstrating ~~receiving code~~ for a predetermined time ~~from said identified user~~.

14. (Currently amended) A method as in claim [[1]] 29, further comprising providing said identified user with an option to purchase said program.

15. (Currently amended) A method as in claim [[1]] 29, further comprising providing said server with a secure shut down mechanism, wherein said server shutdown mechanism is configured with an instruction to temporarily refuse acceptance of connections from a node, system or systems that are doing the attack.

16. (Currently amended) A method <u>as in claim 29,</u> ~~of performing software demonstration comprising: providing an identified user with access, via a network, to a server~~ comprising at least two programs to be demonstrated <u>wherein at least one program to be demonstrated comprises an antivirus scanner program;</u> ~~receiving code from said identified user; executing on said server said programs to be demonstrated using said code; and, providing any results of said execution,~~ and wherein each of said programs to be demonstrated is executed on the same <u>communicated email</u> ~~user-code received form said identified user.~~

18. (Currently amended) An apparatus for software demonstration comprising:

a server including a storage component and being configured with [[a]] <u>an antivirus scanner</u> program to be demonstrated installed thereon in said storage component;

said server being accessible to an identified user <u>identified by a unique email address that comprises a destination for email received by the user at a different address that is to be tested for the demonstration,</u> said server being configured to receive code <u>comprising email</u> from said identified user machine, execute said received code <u>comprising email</u> with said <u>antivirus scanner</u> program to be demonstrated, and provide results of said execution based on the application of said <u>antivirus scanner</u> program to be demonstrated to said code<u> comprising email</u>, wherein said server and said <u>antivirus scanner</u> program to be demonstrated installed thereon are configured to

manipulate said received code to provide a result, based on said received code that

corresponds with the <u>antivirus scanner</u> program to be demonstrated to provide the

results that would have been obtained if the <u>antivirus scanner</u> program were installed on

the user machine from which the received code was obtained, wherein said apparatus

further includes a network in which said code is received by said server from said

identified user<u>;</u>

    <u>wherein said apparatus is configured to provide results of said demonstrated</u>

<u>attributes of said program for displaying as a web page; and</u>

    <u>wherein said apparatus is further configured to accept a log on from said</u>

<u>identified user associated with said unique email address for retrieval of said</u>

<u>demonstration results</u>.

    24. (Currently amended) An article of manufacture comprising at least one server

<u>having a communications link and having</u> ~~with~~ a storage component and being

configured with [[a]] <u>an antivirus scanner</u> program to be demonstrated installed thereon

and being configured with a web site providing access to [[a]] <u>the antivirus scanner</u>

program to be demonstrated <u>by identifying a user by a unique email address wherein</u>

<u>said email address comprises a destination for email received by the user at a different</u>

<u>address to be tested for the demonstration</u>, whereby said <u>antivirus scanner</u> program to

be demonstrated ~~executes with said server~~ ~~said~~ code <u>comprising email that is</u> provided by

an identified user <u>identified by a unique email address that comprises a destination for</u>

<u>email received by the user at a different address to be tested for the demonstration;</u> and

said web site further provides results of said execution; <u>wherein said article is</u>

<u>configured to provide results of said demonstrated attributes of said program for</u>

<u>displaying as a web page; and wherein said apparatus is further configured to accept a</u>

<u>log on from said identified user associated with said unique email address for retrieval</u>

<u>of said demonstration results.</u>

26. (Currently amended) A method as in claim [[13]] <u>29,</u> wherein said web page

accessible to one or more of said user and others.

27. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] <u>29</u>, ~~wherein said server and~~

~~said~~ <u>antivirus scanner</u> ~~program to be demonstrated are configured to execute said~~

~~antivirus scanner~~ ~~program to be demonstrated by manipulating said received code~~

~~comprising email~~ ~~as part of said~~ <u>antivirus scanner</u> ~~program execution to provide a result~~

~~based on said received code~~ <u>comprising email</u> ~~that corresponds with the execution of~~

~~said~~ <u>antivirus scanner</u> ~~program to be demonstrated using said received code~~ <u>comprising</u>

<u>email</u>~~, and,~~

wherein said results provided comprise the results that would have been

obtained if the <u>antivirus scanner</u> program were installed for operation on the user

machine from which the received code <u>comprising email</u> was obtained.

28.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 27, wherein <u>communicating</u>

<u>email for scanning by said antivirus scanner program to be demonstrated</u> ~~said user~~

~~upload of said code that is to be received by said server from said user for use in~~
~~execution by the demonstration program~~ is automatically configured to ~~upload~~
communicate said <u>email for scanning by the antivirus program to be demonstrated</u>
~~code to be run to the server~~, and wherein said server is <u>automatically</u> configured to
<u>demonstrate attributes of said antivirus scanning program on said communicated email</u>
<u>by scanning said email for proscribed code</u> <u>and to provide the results of said</u>
<u>demonstrated attributes of said program on said emails and to display said results as a</u>
<u>web page</u> ~~run said received user code~~.

29.   (Currently amended) A method of performing software demonstration for
demonstration of an antivirus scanner program on user supplied email comprising:

- providing a server having a communications link and being configured with an
antivirus scanner program;

- providing an identified user with access, via a network, to [[a]] <u>the</u> server
comprising <u>the antivirus scanner</u> [[a]] program to be demonstrated;

- identifying the user by a unique email address;

- wherein said email address comprises a destination for email received by the
user at a different address to be tested for the demonstration;

- communicating using said email address email for scanning by said antivirus
scanner program to be demonstrated;

- demonstrating attributes of said antivirus scanning program on said
communicated email by scanning said email for proscribed code;

- providing results of said demonstrated attributes of said program on said emails

to a server and displaying said results as a web page;

- accepting a log on to said server from said identified user associated with said

unique email address for retrieval of said demonstration results.

34.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[32]] 30, wherein a plurality of

demonstration programs are provided, and wherein a retailer of one or more of said

plurality of demonstration programs provides comparative testing of a user's email for

said plurality of demonstration programs.

Examiner's Statements of Reason(s) for allowance

6.   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Chen et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,832,208) and Suzuki (JP02002342084A) and

Jhingan (U.S. Patent No. 6,788,769) taken alone or in combination fails to reasonably

teach or suggest "identifying the user by a unique email address;

- wherein said email address comprises a destination for email received by the

user at a different address to be tested for the demonstration;

- communicating using said email address email for scanning by said antivirus

scanner program to be demonstrated;

- demonstrating attributes of said antivirus scanning program on said

communicated email by scanning said email for proscribed code;

- providing results of said demonstrated attributes of said program on said emails

to a server and displaying said results as a web page" in combination with other claimed

limitations as recited in the independent claims.

7.   It would not have been obvious to one having an ordinary skill in the art to

combine the mentioned prior arts with other prior art to obtain the claimed invention.

8.   Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later

than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

9.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Phillip H. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)

270-1070. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM -

3:00 PM EST.

10.   If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Wei Y. Zhen can be reached on (571) 272-3708. The fax phone number for

the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

11.   Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the

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